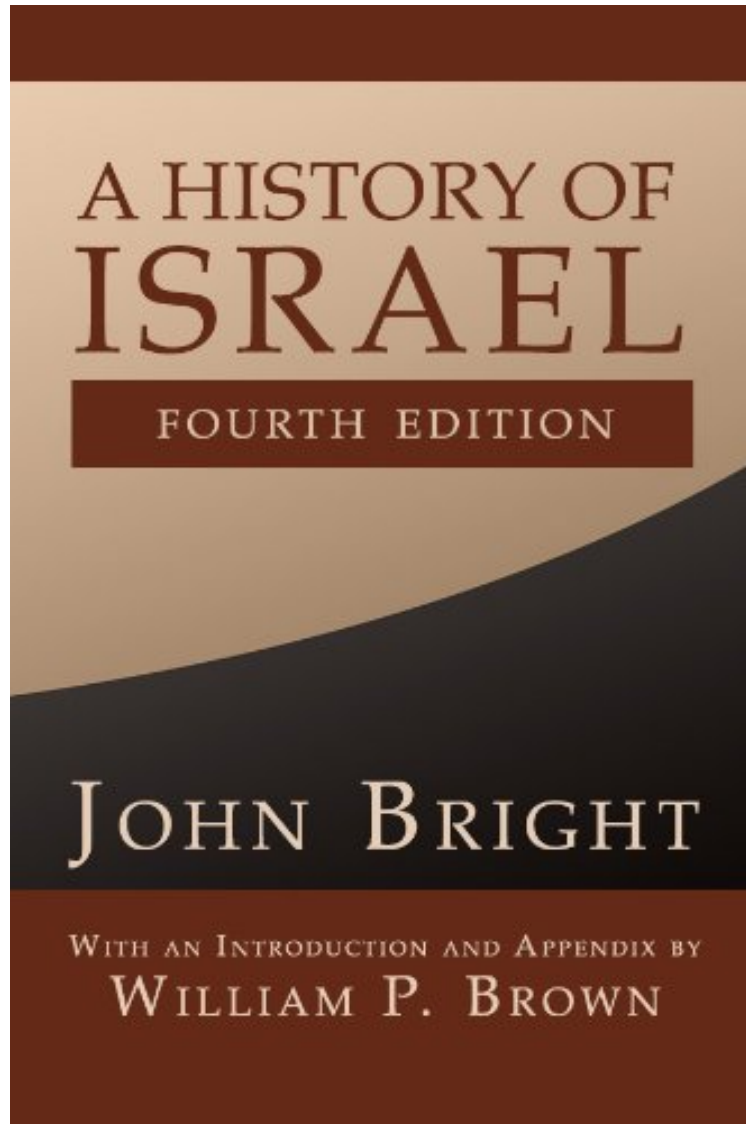


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A History of Israel, Fourth Edition (Westminster AIDS to the Study of the Scriptures):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Bible Will Never Look Quite the SameVon David DresslerI bought this book after it was recommended to me by a

beloved professor whose field is Ancient Jewish history. He considered it essential reading. Now, after having read it, so do I. Make no mistake, this is not an easy read. I am used to scholarly treatises, but I still found myself having to reread portions of text in order to follow. Also, Bright feels the need to "set the scene;" to introduce each historical period by giving a quick summary of the surrounding world. This is important information, of course, but much of it felt tangential, and the pace of these intros is so breathless that I lost track of names and places (was that the nineteenth or the twenty-first dynasty?). Lastly, some of this information is out of date (the core of the book was written in the 1950s, and most recently updated in 1981). Before you dismiss this book too quickly, remember this: "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" is still read, and it was written in the 1700s. This book is a remarkable piece of scholarship. The revelations in the book are detailed, footnoted, and positively thrilling. It provides a tremendous way to re-examine the bible: as an historical document. Essentially, this book deconstructs the biblical text, and compares it to archeological evidence to give a fuller picture than the bible could have given on its own. If you view the bible as above historical verification, this book is not for you. For the rest of us, this book is a masterpiece. The greatest wonder of it all, however, is that the bible turns out not to be so often wrong, but that it was so often RIGHT. The same beloved professor who recommended this book recommended that immediately upon finishing this book, you should read Shanks's "Ancient Israel." It is a much more recent text, and is a good companion to this one.

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Synopsis From a Christian perspective which takes into account new archeological data, the late author a professor of Hebrew and interpretation of the Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia traces the history of Israel through the formative period of Judaism. Includes the forewords to the first and third editions (without dates), chronologi